City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2017 - 5:00 PM

Adjourned City Council meeting

5:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Councilmember Leon
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Rebollo
Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio
Mayor Altamirano

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council/Successor Agency on any items on Closed Session agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (b), the City Council will confer with its legal counsel, and take appropriate action with respect to significant exposure to litigation in four potential cases.

2. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the Successor Agency will confer with its real property negotiator, Matthew Rodriguez with respect to real estate negotiations with Craig Realty Corporation concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of the former Commerce Community Development Commission-owned real property located along the Telegraph Road Corridor, south of Gaspar Avenue and north of the Commerce Casino [Tubeway Avenue], formerly known as 5809, 5819, 5823, 2901/2903, 5933, 5959, 6000, 6003 and 6233 Telegraph Road and 2240 Gaspar Avenue; 2311, 2322 and 2366 Travers Avenue, Commerce, California.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Olivo reported on Closed Session items:

Item #1 - on first and second potential exposure to litigation the direction was

provided to staff and the direction was unanimous.
On third and fourth potential exposure to litigation -there were no reportable action taken.

item #2- The Successor Agency did not take any reportable action on item #2.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Councilmember Leon
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Rebollo
Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio
Mayor Altamirano

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to adopt . The motion failed by the following vote:

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Internship Agreements with Montebello Unified School District and California State University, Fullerton For the City's Cable Television Program

City Attorney Olivo provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place whether it is only limited to Cable program and difference between volunteers and interns.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to adopt Resolution approving internship agreements with the Montebello Unified School District and California State University, Fullerton for the City's Cable Television Program. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, and Mayor Altamirano

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

2. Commercial Refuse Management

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio came to Council Chambers at 6:50 p.m.

City Attorney Olivo provided an overview of the staff report. According to City

Attorney Olivo, staff reached out to the recyclers and engaged them in the process. Discussion took place whether a separate workshop would be required to engage all stakeholders in the process. City Attorney Olivo stated that staff needs to review all aspects and issues first.

Ron Saldana, Executive Director of Waste & Recycle Association, stated that the association is involved in regulations and that he is looking forward for regulating recycling better.

Gideon Kracov, environmental use lawyer representing California Waste & Recycle Association, stated that workshop would be a great opportunity to get everyone's input, but opposed exclusive franchise agreement for the City.

Sintia Lozano, regulatory waste consultant, stated that all other cities are not in compliance and she is willing to work with the City to come up with the best solution.

Calmet Services Representative asked that the City evaluate all options and does the right decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to direct staff to begin a process to address Cal Recycle issues, begin analysis of the franchise system and bring it back to the City Council for decision, and also engage refuse haulers in the process. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

3. Veterans Memorial Park Lead Abatement Project - Approval of Change Order for Abatement and Demolition Services

Deputy Director of Public Works Operations Nila provided an overview of the staff report. According to Deputy Director Nila, original scope of work is complete, and this requested amount would cover the abatement in the gym. In addition, homes in the vicinity were tested and came with the negative results of no lead contamination.
Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to adopt Resolution approving a change order with American Integrated Resources Inc. for additional abatement and demolition services for the Veteran's Memorial Park Lead Abatement/Demolition Project and with Converse Consultants for industrial hygienist services for the Veteran's Memorial Park Lead Abatement Project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

4. Revised Commerce Speed Hump Policy

Interim City Administrator Rodriguez provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place that this policy was requested in prior years and why it took so long.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to adopt Resolution approving revised Commerce Speed Hump Policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

5. Astor Avenue Median Island Beautification and Speed Hump Installation Funding Requests

Interim City Administrator Rodriguez provided an overview of the staff report. According to Interim City Administrator Rodriguez, due to safety, and speeding issues staff needs to move forward on Astor Avenue project. There are speeding and other issues that are issues for a while and need to be addressed. Interim City Administrator Rodriguez stated that Measure AA approved funding for installation of speed bumps and medium beautification.

Discussion took place of why proposed project has not been done in the first place before the plastic poles were installed. Further discussion took place regarding resident parking and Councilmember Argumedo stated that staff needs to meet with residents in that area and get their feedback and buy in on the proposed project before it is approved by the City Council. Further discussion took place on parking issue and it was a consensus among the City Council to bring this matter at the next City COuncil meeting

Rodriguez stated that if the community does not agree, staff will come back to the Council with another proposal. Further discussion followed on the parking issues.
It was a consensus among the City Council to bring to the next City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.